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NON AVAILABILITY OF MEDICAL BOOKS IN HINDI MEDIUM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical books in Hindi Medium are not available due to which medical education could not be imparted in Hindi medium;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT.PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): Since medical books are available in English language & most of the books are from the foreign authors and teachers in medical college have obtained their medial education in English medium, it is, therefore, not possible at present to impart medical education in Hindi medium. Maintaining the standard of medical education is the prime responsibility of Medical Council of India (MCI). The issue of introduction of Hindi medium in medical education was taken up with MCI. The Council is of the view that in a country with a variety of languages, it is essential that medical education should be conducted in a common language throughout the country for mobility of students, teachers, doctors and examiners etc.